

Governor's Proclamation



FULL SUPPORT FOR PREVENTS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a national public health challenge that causes immeasurable pain among individuals, families, and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 7th leading cause of death in Wyoming, the 2nd leading cause for people ages 15-44 in Wyoming, and Wyoming has one of the nation's highest rates of suicide per capita; and

WHEREAS, the number of Veteran and Military suicides in the United States has exceeded 6,000 each year from 2008-2017; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2019, the President signed Executive Order 13861 calling for the development of a comprehensive plan to empower Veterans and end suicide through coordinated suicide prevention efforts, prioritized research activities, and strengthened collaboration across the public and private sectors. This plan is known as the President's Roadmap to Empower Veterans and End a National Tragedy of Suicide or PREVENTS (the "Roadmap"); and

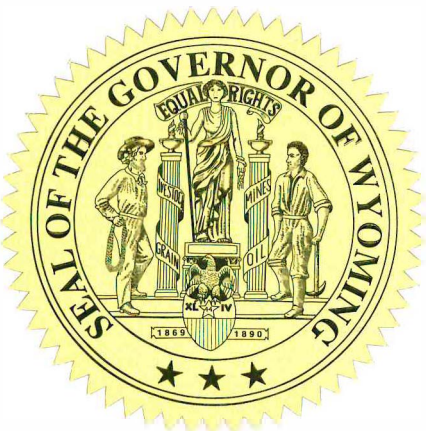
WHEREAS, for every individual who feels alone, ashamed, or believes that they would be a burden if their thoughts or feelings were shared, there are scores of others in every community who want to help but are not sure how; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming businesses are in the unique position to leverage the learnings from our employees, including Veterans, to encourage a national discussion on mental health and wellbeing in the workplace, and collaborate on meaningful solutions; and

WHEREAS, the PREVENTS national public health campaign REACH, will seek to increase awareness of mental health issues and suicide prevention to reduce suicide for all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gordon, Governor of the State of Wyoming do hereby proclaim our full support for the implementation of the PREVENTS "Roadmap." I call upon all citizens in the great state of Wyoming to raise awareness of mental health, suicide prevention, lethal means safety, and support services available in their communities and to encourage all those in need to REACH to access help, hope, and community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 5th day of August.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Gordon".

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming